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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

Your Commission

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Third Taxing District Assists In Relief Effort

Upcoming Events

- October 7-13 Public Power Week
- October 12 Benefit Concert by American Festival Concert Bank, 7:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Concert Hall. Free admission. Donations accepted to aid victims of the twin towers disaster.
- October 12-13 East Norwalk Library Book Sale
- October 13 Open House East Norwalk Library
- October 15 Commission Meeting Eunice Van Zilen Room at the Library
- October 23 Blood Drive East Norwalk Library. Call 866-9271 for details or to make an appointment.
- October 28 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 19 Commission Meeting Eunice Van Zilen Room at the Library

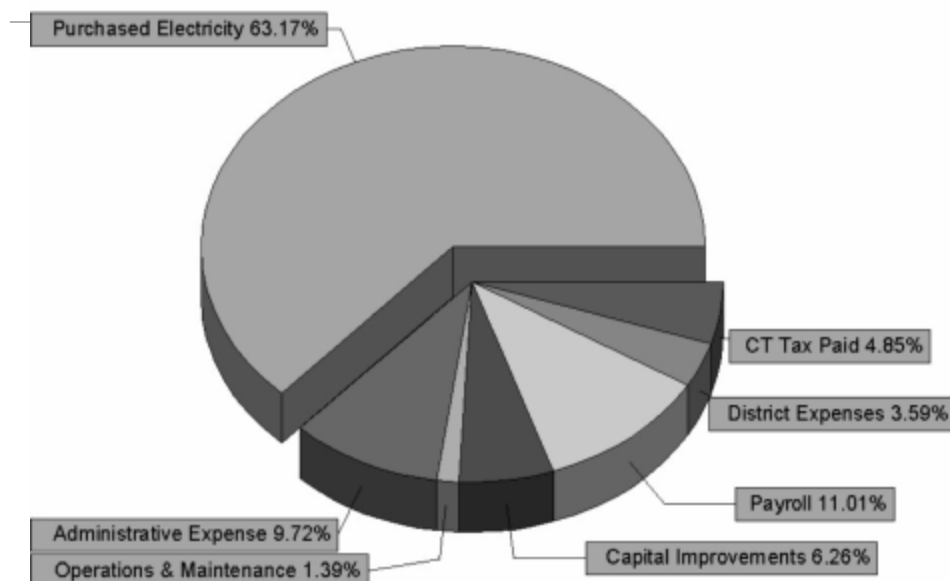
The Commissioners of the Third Taxing District worked together to help out in the relief effort. After the attack on America on September 11, 2001, the community immediately joined the rest of the United States in assisting our fallen citizens and the heroes in the disaster. Commissioner Santella ordered all flags in the District flown at half-staff. Commissioner Brown implemented the placing of the flags on the utility poles. Commissioner Feinstein set up collection jars in the District office as well as the library. All the commissioners coordinated a blood bank to take place at the library on October 23, 2001. Victor Tenore, General Manager, coordinated a collection effort with Americares to provide necessary items for the rescuers.

The commissioners will continue the collection effort for the entire month of October. Give blood on October 23rd. All persons 17 and older in good health are asked to take part in this painless effort that will help many. Give your spare change so that the American Red Cross can continue to carry out its vital mission. Find ways to donate. The staff of Mr. Chubby's gave one weekend of tips to the relief effort. John Margowitz matched the effort to raise over \$500.00. Donate to the rescuers through the Electric Company office. To date, over \$1,500 has been collected! When we all join together, no foe can defeat us!



Third District employees loading a truck with donated articles destined for Americares and the relief effort. Pictured from left to right are: Tim Lyons, Joe Chariott, Greg Goldstein, and Scott Marsic.

Understanding Your Electric Bill: Where Your Money Goes



We think electricity is a true bargain. What other product does so much for us each and every day. An average monthly residential bill is about \$53.00, or about \$1.75 per day for a product that is so important in our daily lives. Think about how you use electricity in your home. We have come to rely upon electricity in every facet of our lives, and we expect the electricity to be there when we turn on the switch.

Do you ever wonder what it costs to provide you with electricity? When you pay your electric bill, just what are you paying for and what portion of your payment goes to the various components of supplying your electric service?

First, the largest expense is purchasing the electricity that the Third Taxing District resells to you. This expense accounts for about 63.17% of every dollar of revenue. This expense also includes the cost transmitting the electricity from wherever it is generated to the East Norwalk electrical substation. The remainder of that dollar pays for: Administrative Expenses (9.72%); Payroll Expenses (11.01%); Capital Improvements (6.26%); Taxes to the State of CT (4.85%); District Expenses (3.59%); and Opera-

tions & Maintenance Expenses (1.39%). Administrative Expenses include the cost of customer service activities plus meter reading, billing, and employee benefit programs such as health insurance and pension expenses. Payroll Expenses cover the cost of salaries and wages for all electric department employees. Capital Improvements is the expense of purchasing new equipment such as poles, primary and secondary wire, transformers, and other electrical equipment needed to distribute the electricity that is delivered to your homes and places of business. Operations and Maintenance Expenses account for the cost to maintain the poles, wires and transformers used to deliver electricity. District Expenses include the transfer payment that funds the East Norwalk Library, concerts in the park, firehouse maintenance, parks maintenance, holiday tree and Menorah lighting, and others.

Since 1908, we at the Third Taxing District have worked to provide the highest degree of reliable service at the lowest possible cost. Our goal is to carry on this tradition of excellent customer service with competitive prices now, and into the future.